

CLAIMS

1. A crane for cyclic transfer of two containers between pick-up and delivery locations, comprising: an elongated boom; frame means for support of the boom in alignment with a fixed travel path established on the crane; a platform having a pair of track paths established thereon; mounting means supporting the platform on the frame means for lateral displacement of said pair of the track paths relative to the fixed travel path; a pair of trolleys onto which the containers are loaded at the pick-up location and unloaded at the delivery location; and spreader means respectively suspended from said trolleys to which the containers are attached for transfer thereof along the fixed travel path and either one of said pair of the track paths on the platform.
2. The crane as defined in claim 1, wherein said frame means includes: a central structure on which the platform mounting means is supported; gantry legs extending from the central structure and having lower ends connected to wheeled trucks through which the crane is movably positioned to establish an operative relationship wherein the fixed travel path and one of said pair of the track paths on the platform leads to either one of two truck transfer lanes below the central structure of the crane as the pick-up or delivery location.
3. A crane through which two trolleys transfer loads between pick-up and delivery locations, comprising: a frame; an elongated boom fixedly mounted on the frame; a platform; track means respectively mounted on the frame, the boom and the platform for guiding travel of the trolleys along a fixed travel path on the frame and the boom in alignment with a selected one of a pair of travel paths on the platform; and means mounting the platform on the frame for lateral displacement of said pair of the travel paths on the platform into and out of said alignment with

the fixed travel path on the boom to accommodate transfer of said trolleys between the fixed travel path on the frame and the boom and the travel path on the platform in alignment therewith.

4. The crane as defined in claim 3, wherein said boom projects from the frame to one of the pick-up and delivery locations overlying a ship, while one of said pair of the travel paths on the platform leads to said delivery and pick-up locations under the crane when in alignment with the fixed travel path.